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WESTS holds two general membership meetings each year--one in the spring and the other in the fall (usually at the annual coin show of the Delta Coin Club, Stockton, Cal.). Additionally, local membership meetings are arranged often by various members; notice of these meetings is publicized in the LEDGER. All interested persons are invited to attend any of our meetings.

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CHANGE IN CARSON CITY MEETING: - Because of a conflict with another event, the date for the regional meeting in Carson City has been changed from June 26 to July 3. Having the meeting on the holiday weekend may provide additional travel flexibility for those who plan to drive some distance. The meeting will be held at the home of Frank & Erma Roza located at 1330 Koontz Lane. Koontz Lane is easy to find--it intersects the main N/S highway through town (395) about a mile south of the central area. There is a big sign for Koontz Lane, and you will turn in an easterly direction. The Roza home is easy to find from that point. If you do encounter any problems, you can call Frank at 702-882-2583. The meeting is officially slated to start at noon, but early birds often start arriving at about 11 AM; the meeting will run until 5 PM.

In addition to lots of tokens for sale and trade and good fellowship, those attending the meeting can experience a few other treats --a fine buffet lunch, a visit through Frank's extensive museum of old-time slot machines and other gambling paraphenalia, and a chance to view some of Frank's rarities in Nevada tokens and in trade mirrors.

The annual gathering in Carson City is one of the highlights of the year with a good attendance, especially from the Nevada collectors. Hope to see you there! - DHF

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LOS ALTOS MEETING CANCELED: - For quite a few years now, there has been a gathering of token collectors in early July at the Feisel home in Los Altos, California. This year, the meeting was planned for July 10, but that has had to be canceled. And for good reason. Duane Sr. and Duane Jr. will have departed the day before for a 50-60 mile backpacking trip in the high Sierra together with others from their Boy Scout troop. Consideration was given to holding the meeting at an earlier or later date, but conflicts with other meetings prevented a rescheduling. It is hoped that this traditional meeting can be restored in 1978. - DHF

AVA MEETING IN CARSON CITY IN AUGUST: - Elsewhere in this issue is contained detailed information for the large token meeting to be held in Carson City in August. Note the advance hotel registration card enclosed with this issue; it will get you special low group rates! This will be a full-scale "token jamboree" with dealers, displays and attendance by collectors from all parts of the country having a variety of token collecting interests. While transporta-

tion, parking and car wash tokens form the base, most of the AVA members have other collecting interests. It figures to be a great meeting! - DHF

5 MAY 1977: - Late again, but endeavoring to catch up with our proposed schedule. This month finds me at last established in my new home. Please note my new mailing address:

Stephen Album
P.O. Box 7386 tel: 707-526-3421
Santa Rosa CA 95401

Kindly send all WESTS correspondence from now on to me at the new address.

Speaking of WESTS correspondence, we are once again out of material for the next issues of the Ledger. There is absolutely nothing on hand for June, and there was very little for this one. I had an old article I wrote a couple of years ago for other purposes about the Tertio-Millennial Exposition in Santa Fe, NM, in 1883, and that is included in this issue.

How about one of you fellows in Washington or Montana getting me something interesting on a token or medal of your state?

Moving and setting up a house is more of a task than I had anticipated, though I am sort of enjoying it. Things are still quite disorganized, and every now and then, I find myself spending half an hour searching for something still unpacked or misplaced. That, in fact, is why we are late with this Ledger. I'm just beginning to feel settled in, though it will be several weeks at least before it really feels like home.

If any of you are in the Santa Rosa area, give me a call and you are welcome to drop by.

VISIT WITH JON McCOLLUM: - In mid-April, I had to go to Ashland, Oregon, to look at a coin collection for sale there, and on the way back, I stopped in to see Jon McCollum in Dunsmuir, who has been actively collecting tokens of Siskiyou and Shasta and Modoc counties, as well as the city of Klamath Falls OR. Jon works for the railroad, on the section between Dunsmuir and K-Falls, and has become especially keen on acquiring tokens from places along that route. His home town is Dorris, a small community on the railroad and Hiway 97, barely inside California, and he now has 9 different tokens from there, including three denominations, 5¢, 10¢, and 15¢ (sic), issued by his grandfather and partner, McCollum & Ethredge, who operated a pool hall there around 1920. Dorris was earlier known as Picard, and Jon believes that a token from Picard has recently been found, but he has not yet actually seen the piece.

LANGLOIS, OR.: - Here's another town not previously available, though one or two specimens may have been known. Scalloped-four tokens from the Langlois Confectionery (if my memory serves me well) were recently discovered by Tom Whitten of Langlois. He has some left at $3, and I suspect you can get one by sending about $3.25 (or $3 plus SASE) to Collectors Corner, P.O. Box 127, Langlois OR 97450. Please, one to a customer.

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Hal Dunn

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ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, I WISH TO EXTEND A HEARTY "WELCOME" TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS. WE HOPE THAT YOU FIND SOMETHING USEFUL IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN WESTS, WHETHER IT BE THE INFORMATIVE ARTICLES IN THIS PUBLICATION, THE COMMUNICATION AFFORDED BY OUR FREE ADS, THE CONTACTS YOU MAKE WITH OTHER COLLECTORS, OR WHATEVER. PLEASE DON'T BE JUST NAMES AND NUMBERS, BUT PARTICIPATE IN THE THINGS THAT ARE PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

- DUANE H. FEISEL

= 1977 AVA CONVENTION AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA =

August 12, 13 and 14 are fast approaching--the days when we hope to see you here in Carson City, Nevada, at the 27th Annual American Vecturist Association Convention. If you have not previously made plans to attend the convention, why not do so right now? This is going to be a great meeting and one you will not want to miss.

Those planning to attend the convention can pre-register for $18; this will save you $1 and the usual delay of registering at the door. To pre-register, just mail your check and a short note to the Convention Chairman. Pre-registrations should be mailed not later than 1 August 1977, which will allow for enough time for it to arrive here and be processed.

Your registration fee covers the entire convention package. There are no other charges, unless you want to rent a table in the bourse room. You will be treated to a Basque-style banquet of salad, chicken, beef brochettes, slices of lamb in Basque sauce, baked half tomato, rice, vegetable, Basque bread, fresh apple with cheese, wine, dessert and drink, plus the tour and tour token. The tour will depart the Ormsby House by bus and travel to Virginia City. There we will tour the city by bus, ride the restored Virginia and Truckee Railroad, and have approximately one hour to explore the businesses along C Street. The bus will then return us to the Ormsby House.

The Ormsby House, and eleven-story hotel-casino, is the convention hotel. The group rate is $20 for singles, $24 for doubles, plus room tax. Advance registration cards are enclosed with this issue.

Collectors and dealers desiring to rent a table in the bourse room may do so for the nominal fee of $15 (without show cases). The bourse room will be provided with security during all hours that it is closed. Those desiring show cases may rent them for an additional $5 each, which is what the AVA is required to pay the owner. If you wish to reserve a table, please contact the Convention Chairman for an application. We will probably be able to supply tables without advance registration; however, show cases will not be available unless your request is received by 30 July 1977. Table reservations have already been received from a number of collectors/dealers who should have available a wide range of exonumia. These include Gaylor Lipscomb, Dan Rusnack, Dan Jacobson/Frank Earl, Ron Lerch, Frank Roza, Hal Dunn, Bill Williges, Phil Jensen, Duane Feisel, Paul Cunningham and Jerry Schimmel.

Collectors wishing to exhibit on a non-competitive basis should notify the Convention Chairman at once. Again, we must arrange for cases. Each exhibitor will receive an attractive participation award.

Our guest speaker at the banquet will be Mr. Jan Benson, an authority on the early history of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad. His presentation is most interesting and he has an outstanding collection of slides to complement his talk.

If you can "tear yourself away" from the bourse room long enough, you will find many interesting things to see in Carson City. The former United States Branch Mint is a few blocks north of the Ormsby House. The exhibits there are excellent, including the Mint Room exhibit which holds an original press and a nice selection of Carson City coinage. In addition to materials pertaining to the operation of the Mint, there are displays of the silver service from the USS Nevada, Indian artifacts, guns, gambling equipment, etc. On the way to the Mint, you may wish to spend a few minutes walking through the Nevada State Capitol Building to view the art and historical exhibits there. A driving tour through the old residential section of Carson City will expose you to many fine old mansions, including the George Ferris Mansion (inventor of the Ferris Wheel) and the Orion Clemens Mansion (Secretary of the Territory of Nevada) where Samuel Clemens, later Mark Twain, once lived. Lake Tahoe is only 30 minutes driving time from Carson City.

If you are arriving in Nevada by plane you will be landing at Reno International Airport, 27 miles north of Carson City. Reno is served by United, Western and Air West airlines. Connections can be made to Carson City via the Tahoe Airporter. Additionally, the Ormsby House will send a limo to pick up large parties arriving on the same flight. The closest rail point is also Reno, and it will be necessary for you to take a taxi out to the Reno Airport to connect with the Tahoe Airporter.

Carson City is served by the Las Vegas-Tonopah-Reno Stage Lines. LTR connects with Greyhound in Reno.

Please address all inquiries, advance bourse table reservations, pre-registrations, etc, to: Hal Dunn, Convention Chairman, P.O. Box 114, Carson City, NV 89701.

WE WILL TRY TO HAVE THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE LEDGER MAILED IN EARLY JULY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ADS, ARTICLES, NOTES, ETC. AT ONCE.

= NEW LOGO FOR WESTS =

Several members submitted ideas for a new logo to represent WESTS. From those submitted, the officers have chose the one from Glenn A. Rome, shown below.

In Glenn's words, "I have tried to incorporate the idea of our Western origin in the mining interests, the serenity of our rugged terrain and, of course, the fact that the sun sets on our half of the country."

The officers will soon decide how to proceed to use this logo for our membership tokens/medals. There is some thought that WESTS members may wish to utilize this logo design for one side of a personal token. If so, that would influence the decision as to what size die to have prepared--1-1/2" or 1-1/4" diameter. At the smaller diameter, low cost dies are available, while at the larger diameter, die costs run $100 and up, even for plain lettering.

If you have any thoughts about having a personal token made with the WESTS logo (500 pieces, 1-1/4" diameter, brass $63.00, aluminum $44.00), please contact Duane H. Feisel, P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022. Of the cost of having the personal tokens made, 20% would go to WESTS to amortize the cost of the special die. - DHF

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

16th Annual Collectables Show, July 31, 1977, at the Holiday Inn in Fullerton (on Harbor Blvd., one block north of the Riverside Freeway (hiway 91), from 10 AM til 5 PM, admission 50¢. This event is sponsored by the California Exonumist Society, and is usually a good opportunity to acquire a few pieces for your collectionaand meet some fellow collectors.

Long Beach Summer Stamp & Coin Exposition, June 2-5, at the Long Beach Municipal Arena, just south of downtown Long Beach. This is traditionally the largest coin show in the West, and in recent shows, has featured a special section for dealers in exonumia, sponsored by WESTS member Paul Koppenhaver. Duane Feisel and I will probably be sharing a table there.

THE TERTIO-MILLENIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, 1883

Stephen Album

Who had ever heard of celebrating the 333rd anniversary of the founding of a city? But to the citizens of the newly bustling community of Santa Fe, New Mexico, searching for a theme around which they could build a major fair and celebration, "One-Third of One Thousand Years" seemed altogether reasonable. And thus was conceived the "Tertio-Millennial Anniversary Celebration, including the Grand Mining and Industrial Exposition of and for the Rocky Mountain Region, to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, opening July 2d - Closing August 3d, 1883."

There were, in fact, no white men in the Territory in the year 1550, which was arbitrarily selected as the beginning of European history in New Mexico. Actually, the first European explorer to enter the Territory was Alvan Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, in the year 1534. It was Cabeza de Vaca's tales of immense riches in the "seven cities of Cibola" that encouraged Coronado's expedition of 1540, during which he conquered, at least in name, regions as far north as Taos, and established a temporary camp near what is today the settlement of Bernalillo. Spanish interest in the area waned with Coronado's failure to discover gold, and no further exploration was undertaken until 1581, when a Franciscan friar by the name of Augustin Rodriguez entered the area as a missionary, hoping to find converts among the Pueblo Indians. He and several subsequent missionaries met little success, and it was not until 1598 that an attempt was made to establish a permanent settlement in the region then known as Nuevo Mejico; this settlement was founded at San Juan de los Caballeros in 1598 by Juan de Onate.

Eleven years later the region was formally claimed by Philip III and made responsible to the Crown, which at the same time began to encourage Spanish colonization of the area. In the following year, 1610, Don Pedro de Peralta, having been appointed governor of the "Kingdom of New Mexico," established the Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis, or Santa Fe, which he made his capital. From that time on, save during the Indian revolt of 1680-1692, Santa Fe has remained the capital of the Territory, and later, of the State; Peralta's original residence remained the governor's home until the early part of this century, and is now a Museum.

Over the centuries, Santa Fe remained essentially a sleepy Mexican community, with never more than a couple of thousand inhabitants. Neither the Mexican Independence in 1821, the American conquest in 1846, nor the Confederate occupation, of two weeks' duration, in 1862, affected the fortunes of the city. There was but one major change brought in with Mexican control in 1821, the establishment of the Santa Fe Trail, which engendered a small overland trade with American settlements in Missouri and Kansas.

The year 1880 marks the turning point in the history of Santa Fe, for in that year, the Santa Fe Railroad was completed, offering a Southern route from the East to San Francisco. Although the railroad missed Santa Fe--the nearest point being Lamy Station, 18 miles south---a link was soon established, by the Denver & Rio Grande, which provided a through connection to Denver, the liveliest settlement in the Rocky Mountain area.

The coming of the railroad, plus the mining fever that brought a bustling activity to the surrounding regions, had put Santa Fe squarely on the modern map, and evoked support for an appropriate celebration. Moreover, in 1882, Denver had hosted the successful National Mining and Industrial Exposition, and Santa Feans were envious. Thus was the Tertio-Millennial Celebration born. Let us quote the official "Programme" that was circulated to publicize the upcoming event:

> "The present year concludes a third of a thousand years since the first settlement of Santa Fe by Europeans, and it is deemed fitting that it should be commemorated by an exposition and celebration which shall illustrate the distinctive features of the several centuries and epochs of its eventful history.
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> "Three distinct civilizations will be illustrated. That of the Pueblo or Village Indians, the direct descendants of the Aztecs, who were found here in 1534 by Cabeza de Vaca--tilling the soil and living under wholesome laws.
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> "Then came the Spaniards, introducing into the country their industrial systems, religious creeds and social characteristics, and finally, the American occupation, introducing all the elements of modern progress."

The promoters of the Celebration wanted to make something different out of their fair, and decided to emphasize the local customs of the New Mexican Indians, and the Spanish and Mexican population, alongside the more usual exhibits of industrial and agricultural products, military parades, and horseracing. In fact, this was perhaps the first time that ethnic ways were given a prominent role in such an event; Indian cultures were then generally regarded as barbaric and hostile, and utterly unsuitable for the honorable role they received at Santa Fe, which was in this manner the precursor of most subsequent fairs and expositions. Of course, Santa Fe was accustomed to Indian dances and the like, for they had formed a part of the annual Fiesta, held annually since about 1712, when it was first organized to celebrate Diego de Vargas' reconquest of the Territory in 1692.

The fair was set to open on July 2nd, 1883, and elaborate opening ceremonies were performed. Several thousand persons attended that opening day, and visited the main building of the Grand Exposition, a substantial structure, 480 x 60 feet square, then the largest modern structure in the Territory. This is the report of opening

day published on the 3rd in an editorial in the Daily New Mexican Review:

> "The ancient city yesterday donned its holiday attire in honor of the inaugural ceremonies at the Tertio-Millennial celebration. It was a success in every detail...
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> "..., but in originality of design and in the unique character of the exhibition, it presents features that no other public enterprise of the kind has ventured upon. Expositions usually consist of collections of articles showing the growth of arts, sciences, invention, manufactures, and specimens of what skilled handicraft can accomplish. The Tertio-Millennial exhibit is a collection illustrative of the growth of New Mexico from its earliest day, showing this historic land as it is today and as it was when Cabeza de Baca (sic) crossed its borders...
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> "The speeches by Gov. Sheldon and Hon. Tranquilino Luna, which are repeated in full elsewhere, were both masterly efforts, and will abundantly repay a careful perusal by those who were not fortunate enough to listen to them.
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> "The celebrations now so auspiciously begun will excite great interest in New Mexican affairs throughout the country and it will be a benefit not only to Santa Fe, but to the interests of the whole territory."

Various themes were accentuated in the following days, though undoubtedly the various horse races were the most avidly attended, and an aggregate purse of more than $5,000 was given away. The most unique feature were the Indian and Mexican dances, of the Pueblos on the 3rd of July, the Zuni on the 5th, the Mescalero and Jicarilla Apaches on the 13th, and more. There was a recreation of historical scenes covering the entire period of Santa Fe's existence, presented over three days, July 18-20. Special days were dedicated to pioneers, firemen, and drummers (traveling salesmen), and there were a couple of massive feasts for all participants and visitors. From July 31-August 2, special events were held for the Grand Army of the Republic, who arrived in large numbers on excursion trains from Denver, "at largely reduced rates." The railroads encouraged attendance by offering reduced fares; in particular, the "Knights Templar en route to San Francisco will be allowed to stop over at Santa Fe without charge for tickets over the branch line from Lamy." All the hotels were geared up for an overflow of guests, especially the new Palace Hotel, operated by Rumsey & Sons, who offered accomodations for 200 persons with all the modern conveniences. The other hotels, such as the Exchange, the Grand Central, and Herlow's, were less comfortable, and probably quite primitive. Adolph Bandelier once recalled spending some time at the Grand Central in 1880 "with bedbugs," for Santa Fe was still the frontier, a far cry from Bandelier's native Switzerland.

Closing festivities were held on August 3, described as "August 3d, the 33d day of the 333d anniversary of the settlement of

Santa Fe." The fair had been reasonably successful, but was soon forgotten; most modern historical accounts of New Mexico, or of the history of Santa Fe, either omit it entirely, or mention the Celebration merely in passing. Even the celebrated Bancroft, writing in 1887, failed to allot a single word to the Tertio-Millennial Anniversary Celebration. Santa Fe continued to grow, but slowly and with little fanfare, and was eventually overtaken by Albuquerque as the commercial and populous center of the state.

A few medals have survived as reminders of the Tertio-Millennial Celebration, three of which are described and pictured here. Other pieces probably do exist, but are not known to me at present. The pieces described below are all souvenir pieces. Award medals may also be extant, for the programme mentions that silver and bronze award medals were to be issued to winners of agricultural exhibits.

The first medal was issued to honor Archbishop Jean-Baptiste Lamy, who was instrumental in the development of the city. Born in Lempdes, France, in 1814, he arrived in the United States in 1839, and was stationed for several years in various outposts in Ohio and Kentucky. Finally, in 1850, he was named bishop of the diocese of Agathon, a rambling district that embraced all of New Mexico, and portions of what are now Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Colorado. Seeking financial support, and disliked by the Spanish priests of the region, he traveled to France and Rome, where he was named bishop of the newly created diocese of Santa Fe, in 1853. He erected the cathedral of St. Francis, which was completed in 1884, and when the diocese was upgraded to an archdiocese in 1875, Lamy became the first archbishop of Santa Fe. He resigned from that post in 1885, and died shorly thereafter, in 1888, at Santa Fe. His career was immortalized in Willa Cather's historical novel, Death Comes to the Archbishop, first published in 1927.

Obv: Bust of Lamy, facing, head turned somewhat to the right. Above, along edge, MOST REVD. J.B. LAMY ARCHBISHOP OF NEW MEXICO. Around, dentelated border.

Rev: Within recessed central area, enclosed by a circle, a church edifice, below which are the words, SAN MIGUEL; outside the circle, above, TERTIO MILLENNIAL ANNIVERSARY SANTA FE NEW MEXICO, and below, 1550-1883.

Soft white metal, 35 mm., plain edge. This piece falls within the definition of a so-called dollar outlined by Hibler & Kappen. Extremely rare.

The small adobe Chapel of San Miguel was first built during the seventeenth century, left to fall into ruin, and reconstructed in 1710. It was restored in 1955, and remains one of Santa Fe's most popular sites.

The second piece portrays the arms of the Territory of New Mexico, which consists of an American eagle, holding arrows in his right claw, and an olive branch in his left, and a Mexican eagle, holding a snake with his talons and beak. The American eagle is larger, looms over the Mexican, and is surrounded by rays; the ground is engraved below. The Roman date MDCCCL (1850) appears on the ground. These arms are still found on the present seal of the State of New Mexico.

Obv: a view of the chapel of San Miguel, labeled below, in 2 lines, SAN MIGUEL / CHAPEL

Rev: a shield, bearing the arms of the Territory of New Mexico; below, on a scroll, CRESCIT MUNDO, and flanking, left and right, the dates 1550 and 1883, respectively. Around, along rim, TERTIO MILLENNIAL ANNIVERSARY SANTA FE N.M. JULY 2, TO AUG 3, (sic)

Soft white metal, 32 mm., plain edge. This piece is found both with and without a small hole pierced at the top. It is also found in bronze and silver, and is reported to exist in either gold or gold-plate. The medal is least rare in white metal, but even the white metal piece must be considered rare.

Finally, we have a small silver piece, probably intended for the ladies to affix to their charm bracelets:

Obv: inscription, in 5 lines: TERTIO / MELLENNIAL (sic) / 1883 / SANTA FE / N.M.; ornaments in the field.

Rev: (blank)

Silver, 15 mm., small hole pierced at top, plain edge. Possibly unique.

EVALUATING TOKEN CATALOGUES

Benj Fauver

The fifth catalogue to be evaluated is:

James R. Wright, Herbert Lee Mott, and Donald Lary, Colorado Merchants Tokens, 1st ed., 219 pages.

The evaluation is in thirteen parts, one for each of the thirteen criteria.

1. Virtually no historical information is provided on individual pieces or on the series.

2. Other than what the reader can infer from the title, nowhere in the catalogue do the authors define the scope and limits of their listing.

3. "This book is really the culmination of the efforts of many collectors across the country. Hal Dunn of Nevada visited many of the West Coast collectos, and all of the Nevada collectors and dealers in order to report new tokens to us. Harry English of Virginia wrote to numerous Elks Clubs and Chambers of Commerce to attribute tokens for this book. Over 80% of the information about tokens or research used to attribute mavericks was done by Jim Wright of Colorado."

4. "The numbering system used in this book is designed so that the first letter of the city precedes the number, in other words, Burlington tokens would have a "B" prefix to the number and Pueblo would have a "P". Denver listings are denoted by DE to set them apart from the other "D" listings. When referring to a particular token, it becomes an easy annotation to denote the various values using the token number and the value, hence DE1234-5 or DE1234-25." Each merchant is given a separate number - letter designation under this system. Consequently, any one town can have many different two, three, or four digit numbers. Since sizeable gaps were left in the chronology, probably most additional listings can be readily incorporated into the system.

5. Varieties are listed by diameter, composition, color, shape, and design.

6. Several FAKE pieces are included in the listing and are designated as such.

7. No keys to identification are provided. In light of the inclusion by the authors of many mavericks in the listing, an index to these pieces would have been most helpful.

8. No cross references to major older numbering systems were included, doubtless because none exist.

9. No photographic plates of tokens are included aside from those shown on the cover of the catalogue.

10. No indices are included. However, because tokens are listed alphabetically by town name, in the majority of towns, the listing provides its own index.

11. Five rarity categories were used by the authors:

R-1 very common, over 18 known
R-2 common - 10-18 known
R-3 scarce - 5-9 known
R-4 rare - 3-4 known
R-5 extremely rare - 1 or 2 known

In addition, "M" is used for modern tokens struck since 1955. With respect to tokens listed as R-5, the authors note that "there is no guarantee that a token listed as R-5 will remain that way. More and more tokens are turning up as interest in collecting increases. With more discoveries, it is likely that some tokens listed as scarce will become common. In this hobby it would take a 'find' of less than 20 of the same token in order to list that token as very common." Finally, the authors note that readers of their catalogue should "not assume that any token Not listed in the book is automatically rare."

12. Although no retail values are provided, the authors do say that "Tokens from the mountain towns west of Denver seem to be 'prized' more than tokens from Denver or the towns on the plains. Because of their appeal to specialty collectors groups, tokens from ghost towns, saloons, dance halls and brothels are in greater demand than most, even more scarce, tokens."

13. Die sinkers are identified in cases where a die sinkers' mark is included on the token in question, such as Brunswick Balke, Orco Scrip, Charles Pick, Ingle System, Osborne Register, and A.E. Schmidt.

PACIFIC MINT: - A new mint has been established in Orange County, known as Pacific Mint, Inc., and located at 1420A Ritchey Street, Santa Ana CA 92705. They are busy striking all sorts of medals, including a number of bicentennial issues which will eventually be listed in our catalogue. In addition, they are doing a number of town medals, and I have now seen their issues for Hollywood (sold to raise money to refurbish the Hollywood Bowl), Palm Springs, and Beverly Hills. Pacific Mint has also struck a series of silver medals commemorating the Alaska Pipeline, which have so far been their most popular sellers, and have been advertised in Coins Magazine and elsewhere.

At the CSNA Jack Tar show in San Francisco, I had the opportunity to chat with Pacific Mint president D.M. (Mac) Turney, who had the only table at the show where nothing was being sold, his chief ambition being to secure a contract or two for new medals. Mac is an interesting fellow, glad to talk with collectors, and very enthusiastic about his work. He has invited me to view his operation, and I hope to visit the plant aroun the first of June.

Next door to Pacific Mint is Ed McClung's casting facility, where cast medals are produced from inexpensive molds that allow for relatively short runs without the cost of expensive dies. I plan to visit Ed's operation as well while in the area. Some of you might recall the mirrorbacks made for the Jamboree a couple of years ago? These were also produced by Ed McClung.

GETTING OUT THE LEDGER: - A cooperative effort involving several people, at least, is required to put together an issue of the *LEDGER*. Delays in any of the parts usually involves a delay for the entire issue. For the first step, Steve Album prepares whatever material he has on hand--articles, notes, ads, etc. Our secretary-treasurer, Hal Dunn, sends his report to Steve or me, sometimes ready to go, other times to be typed. Additionally, other people supply information on meetings, shows, etc. Once I have all this material, I can proceed with getting the issue ready for the printer, utilizing what has been supplied to me supplemented by my own notes, ads sent to me, articles sent to me or done by me, etc. I spend some time fitting material to the page space available. Also, I usually prepare rubbings to supplement the ones supplied, and these have to be photostated and retouched. Once all is assembled on the pages, the material is delivered to the printer, by mail or in person. The printed pages and covers must be picked up at the printers (some 50 miles from where I live), assembled (usually with help from my son), folded, stapled and prepared for mailing with labels and stamps. Of course, the labels have to be kept up to date with new members, dropped members, and address changes.

This issue is running a lot later than I would like. First off, the previous issue was a bit late. After material arrived from Steve, I had to wait a bit longer for the report from Hal. Then it took some additional time to resolve the meeting date for the Carson City gathering now in early July. Finally, I had to fit the preparation into my schedule, and that has been complicated by other things which have had to take precendence over the *LEDGER*. Finally, however, here we are! I hope you enjoy this issue, and that we can get another issue to you shortly so as to close up on our proposed schedule. - DHF

VOLTA HOUSE MYSTERY: - Mer WSB, inscribed VOLTA HOUSE on the obverse and P. MONGA PROP. on the reverse, has been attributed to Volta, California. However, most of the known specimens have turned up in Shasta County, where I recently obtained one myself. While checking some other maverick listings, I found a listing from Kennett (Shasta Co.) for Peter Monga, saloon, &c. in the 1912 Dun's. So the question now remains as follows: Was the Volta House actually located in Kennett, or did Peter Monga originally run a place down in Volta (Merced Co.) and then move up to Kennett, bringing his old Volta House tokens with him? Any further evidence would be appreciated by your editor.

While on the subject of Kennett, there is a listing for D.H. Raglan & son, saloon. This token, Riverside Hotel, Raglan & Son, Propr's, was formerly listed as Col 20 R, and should now be filed under Kennett.

NEW FINDS: - This time it is your editor's turn to report some interesting new discoveries. It seems tokens run in streaks, and I've just had one of those streaks. Included were three hitherto unknown towns, all nice pieces with city and state, Verdugo Canon, Carlotta, and Westmorland, all CA, and other nice pieces from Minersville, Ono, Wengler, Hupa, Hay Fork, Delamar, Novato, and a couple more.

Bob Swain recently picked up 11 specimens of another unlisted town, Montgomery Creek, in Shasta Co., issued by Mazzini Bros. They were supposedly struck in the early 1930's (confirmed by style), in three denominations, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, all of which were included in Bob's batch, but were never used, as the place folded before the tokens arrived from the maker. These have now been sold and swapped to several different California collectors.

NEW FINDS

Will Postumus reports two hitherto unrecorded towns, Sherman Island (Sacramento Co.) and Cotati (Sonoma Co.), both nice old tokens. Sherman Island's only settlement is shown on a CSAA map under the name of Emmaton. Only moderns were previously known for Cotati. Duane Feisel reports a lovely old West Berkeley, another 'new' town (Alameda Co.). West Berkeley was formerly separate from Berkeley, until 1901, and was centered at the intersection of San Pablo & University Aves. Jere Runciman adds Lamanda Park (Los Angeles Co.), and also showed me some lovely tokens from Talbert, Soulsbyville, Fort Rosecrans, Universal City, Montebello, Las Cruces, etc.

As for the Fort Rosecrans, Bob Marvin of Anaheim was the lucky discoverer of four specimens, but after swapping two of them, was the unlucky victim of a theft. Amongst the stolen items were two of the Fort Rosecrans pieces. Bob believes the tokens might have been taken to Michigan, so our Michigan area members should keep their eyes peeled for them.

"New reports" continue to surface of more bicentennial material. Official issues of Ventura and Taft and Yucca Valley have come to my attention in the past couple of weeks, as well as a private issue from Anaheim. There must be many, many, more out there. Please keep the reports coming in.

NOTES ON THE SPRING MEETING, 23 April 1977

The annual general meeting of the WESTS membership was held on Saturday, 23 April 1977, in the Telegraph Hill Room of the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. Present were Album, Feisel, Jacobson, Earl, Schimmel, Strazzarino, Fauver.

It was decided to sell the WESTS camera, as its present location in Ventura is not convenient. Don Finch wants it in any case, so that will work out best for Don and us.

A tentative design, submitted by Glenn Rome, was approved for the new WESTS membership medal stock die. Glenn's design is simple and professionally done; if we can fit it in, a sketch of the design will appear elsewhere in this issue. The design was unanimously approved.

We decided to move the spring meeting to a different location. We had traditionally met at the spring CSNA show, but now that that show will always be at the Tar, we will find a new location. The Jack Tar is not convenient for members, particularly those who bring great piles of tokens and medals for swapping. We will decide on a new location a few months before the event.

It was suggested that a regional meeting of WESTS be held in Pasadena in November, following the CES meeting during the CSNA show.

Several members of CES attended our meeting, which followed theirs in the same room. Attending were Virginia Hall of Colton, Eldon & Dorothy Beaulieu of San Jose, John Lemker of Redlands, and others whom I didn't recognize.

BOOK REVIEW: Commemorative Medals of Massachusetts Cities & Towns, by Robert R. Heath, published by the author, Burlington MA. (Price $9 + 50¢ postage, from the author, P.O. Box 464, Burlington MA 01803)

If ever there was an easy-to-use, well-organized, and informative medal catalogue, this must be the one. Listed are some 500-odd pieces, not including size and metal variation, from about 2/3 of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from the mid-19th century through 1976. Each medal type occupies a separate page, and each listing consists of a photograph, obverse and reverse descriptions, metal, size, edge, quantity, issue price data, whenever available, name of maker and issuer, references (to other medal catalogues), and miscellaneous notes, all this data being organized in a standardized format. The "photographs" are actually Xeroxes, either taken from photos or from the medal directly by one of the new machines, and though not of superior quality, and more than adequate for identification purposes. The book is looseleaf, and the price, which is too cheap, includes a looseleaf binder.

The only limitation of the book worth mentioning is that only commemorative medals issued by or for the 351 cities and towns are included; county, state, regional, private, non-commemorative, and good-for issues are excluded, and there must be several thousand of the latter from Massachusetts. Within the defined scope, the author has attempted to be as complete as possible, but as I am altogether unfamiliar with Massachusetts material, I cannot speculate as to the degree of completeness.

The author asks all buyers of his book to join him in making the listings more complete.

The book is well worth the price, even to someone without an iota of interest in Massachusetts material, if only as an example of a first-rate job. Many have thought so, for the first edition sold out, and the catalog is now in its second edition. The WESTS California Bicentennial catalog will adopt Mr. Heath's excellent format, with one or two minor modifications.

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MORE BICENTENNIAL NOTES: - If you think WESTS is ambitious in our Bicentennial project, Dr. David R. Johnson, 66 Roe Avenue, Northampton MA 01060, is gathering data on all US bicentennial issues, from all 50 states. I have offered to exchange information on California issues with him, and I am sure he would like to get into contact with collectors in other Western states. He is also collecting the medals, and boasts 1400 pieces already! So you could probably do some swapping as well. He has asked people to be patient in waiting for replies to their inquiries, as he has been deluged with correspondence.

= WESTERN STATES TOKENS OF NOTE =

by Duane H. Feisel

IF YOU HAVE A PIECE OR TWO OF SPECIAL INTEREST, SEND A GOOD QUALITY RUBBING TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PIECE (INSCRIPTION, METAL, SIZE, BORDERS) AND WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU HAVE.

Bz 23 p/p F-sc

For years I included this token with my collection of military tokens. The word "mess" certainly applies to the military, and I figured "flathead" referred to the standard military haircut. However, I was pleasantly surprised by discovering a reference to the token when I searched the old records of Meyer & Wenthe, an old Chicago firm which has made tokens for a long time. The token actually dates from 1936 when 5,000 pieces were sent to the United States Indian Irrigation Service, St. Ignatius, Montana. Now I wonder how it was actually used?

B 22 t/t

This token is for the Pogue Lumber Company out of Peach, Tex. This is a new Texas town listing.

WM 24 b/b 10-sc

At a recent coin show I purchased this token from Rosa, N. Nex--apparently a new town listing for that state.

B 24 j/j

This maverick transportation token was made by Moise-Klinkner. Now I need to find out where the Coney Island Barrel of Fun was located! Could it have been at the 1915 Fair? Perhaps someone can offer a clue to the location.

WANTED: MASONIC pennies, to complete collections, I need Santa Fe #1, NM; Mystic #13, ND; Nashville #89, IL & Du Quoin #44, IL. Interested in hearing from others with masonics for sale.
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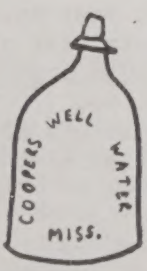

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Benj Fauver P.O. Box 521 Menlo Park CA 94025

FREE--MY PERSONAL TOKEN commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Bay Area Token Society for a SAE. Inquire for information on custom minted tokens and medals--20% discount on personal tokens to WESTS members.
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

WANTED--TOKENS from Alaska, Nevada and California. Buy or trade.
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Ave.Stockton, CA 95204

DEPRESSION ERA FOOD TOKENS from Scheeler's, Dickinson, North Dakota; Good for 1¢ in FOOD and Good For 5¢ in FOOD. Two different of each denomination--total of four. Sell for $5 or trade for other ND or Montana.
Larry Bender P.O. Box 745 Baker, MT 59313

EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE FREE SIX-LINE AD EVERY ISSUE, BUT A DIFFERENT AD MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH TIME. YOUR AD SHOULD BE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, AND NOT PART OF A LETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD TO THE EDITOR AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION DEADLINE AS POSSIBLE.

SANTA MONICA BREAKWATER SO-CALLEDS: Steve Alpert reports that more of the Santa Monica 1933 so-called dollars are spewing forth onto the market. He was offered several hundred of the aluminum pieces at 50¢ each or so. Some were anodyzed blue or yellow and neatly pierced, apparently done at the time of issue. The aluminum piece is HK-687, listed as Very Rare and priced at $35; though scarcer then, it was never rare, but in recent years has appeared in great quantity. A lot of 6,000 pieces was purchased some time back for the huge price of 8¢ each!

Not all the metals have become extremely common, but most have turned up. The sterling silver (there exists a counterfiet of this one!) has remained elusive, as have both the brass with bronze center and the copper-nickel (incorrectly listed as "nickel"). The bronze, brass, copper, and bronze with aluminum center are all now quite readily available, and worth but a small fraction of their listed prices.

Calendar of Coming Events

JULY 3: WESTERN STATES TOKEN SOCIETY, regional meeting in Carson City, NV, at the home of Frank & Erma Roza, 1330 Koontz Lane. Noon until 5 PM.

JULY 10: WESTERN STATES TOKEN SOCIETY--BAY AREA TOKEN SOCIETY, joint regional meeting, Los Altos, Calif. MEETING CANCELED

JULY 31: 16TH ANNUAL COLLECTABLES SHOW, sponsored by California Exonomist Society, Fullerton, Calif., at the Holiday Inn on Harbor Blvd. near Riverside Freeway. 10 AM until 5 PM. Admission 50¢.

AUGUST 12-14: AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION, annual convention, Carson City, NV, at the Ormsby House. Chairman: Hal Dunn, P.O. Box 114, Carson City, NV 89701. Bourse, displays, meetings, auction, banquet, special tour, special token, etc. Details this issue.

AUGUST 23-28: AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, annual convention, Atlanta, GA, at the Marriott Hotel. Bourse, displays, auction, meetings, social events.

CANTS BICENTENNIAL MEDALS: - Each member of CANTS (now WESTS) for 1976 received two membership medals made in nickel-silver, and stamped with the member's number. These two medals were also struck in brass in limited numbers, and are available for $1 each, postpaid, from Hal Dunn. Now that our ads have appeared in the national numismatic publications, the supply is expected to be depleted rapidly. If you want a pair of these medals, now is the time to act!

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